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For:

Method for Producing a Plastic Film Having Improved Characteristics,

Apparatus for Performing The Method, and Film Thus Obtained

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Response A

With reference to the Examiner's action dated November 6, 2002 Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

Please substitute the following claims for pending claims with the same numbers.

1. (amended) A method for producing a plastic film having improved characteristics, comprising forming the plastic film by extrusion from an extruder nozzle, the film emerging from the nozzle in a melted state, distributing at least one active substance on at least one face of the film, in a region of the film having a temperature higher than the ambient temperature such that the active substances penetrate into and are retained within the film to form a single body of film, cooling the film downstream of the extruder nozzle to a solidified state at ambient temperature wherein the one or more